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Clemens BACKHAUS et al.)	Examiner: Jason M. Greene
Serial No. 10/519,555)	Group Art Unit: 1724
Filed: 06-29-2005)	Confirmation No. 2739
For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING A)	
MEMBRANE AND DEVICE FOR)	
SEPARATING A MEMBRANE FOR)	
ENRICHING AT LEAST ONE GAS)	
COMPONENT IN A GAS FLOW	:	

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the foreign documents cited is enclosed.

Enclosed herewith is a Form PTO-1449 listing the art cited in the International Search Report for the above-captioned application. Copies of these references have not been received by the Office as indicated on the Notice of Acceptance issued July 13, 2005 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated/Elected Office and thus are being provided.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2478.

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